

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Withdrawn) A beam irradiation apparatus being characterized in that the beam irradiation apparatus has means for scanning an continuously output energy beam on an irradiated object, the means for scanning has a plurality of specular bodies, the plurality of specular bodies is fixed to a shaft on an optical axis of the beam so that side surfaces of the specular bodies do not contact each other, and the plurality of specular bodies rotates on the shaft as its center.

14. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the plurality of specular bodies has a plane surface or a curved surface.

15. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the continuously output energy beam is emitted from an oscillator.

16. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein a number of the means for scanning is more than one.

17. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising means for moving the irradiated object and the beam relatively.

18. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the means for moving has a control apparatus for controlling so as to move in synchronization with scanning of the means for scanning.

19. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the continuously output energy beam is a beam emitted from any one of a YVO₄ laser, a YAG laser, a YLF laser, a YAlO₃ laser, and an Ar laser.

20. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising an optical system for shaping the continuously output energy beam into linear, wherein the optical system is arranged between an oscillator of the beam and the means for scanning.

21. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising an fθ lens between the means for scanning and the irradiated object.

22. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13 further comprising a telecentric fθ lens between the means for scanning and the irradiated object.

23. (Withdrawn) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the means for scanning the energy beam on the irradiated object is a polygon mirror.

24.-48. (Canceled)

49. (Currently Amended) A beam irradiation apparatus comprising:
a laser oscillator for emitting an energy beam;

a specular body;
a shaft;
a stage; and
a lens between the specular body and the stage on the optical axis of the beam,
wherein the specular body is fixed to a shaft so as to be set on an optical axis of
the energy beam, and
wherein the specular body fully rotates using the shaft as its center.

50. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim
49,
wherein the energy beam output continuously is emitted from the oscillator.

51. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim
49,
wherein the specular body has a plane surface or a curved surface.

52. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim
49,
wherein the shaft has a supporting bar in one end or in opposite ends thereof.

53. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim
49,
wherein the energy beam and the stage are relatively moved.

54. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim
49,

wherein the energy beam output continuously is a beam emitted from a laser selected from the group consisting of a YVO₄ laser, a YAG laser, a YLF laser, a YAlO₃ laser, and an Ar laser.

55. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 49, further comprising:

an optical system for shaping the energy beam output continuously into linear, wherein the optical system is provided between the oscillator and the specular body on the optical axis of the beam.

56. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 49,

wherein the lens is selected from an fθ lens and a telecentric fθ lens.

57. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 49,

wherein the specular body is a galvanometer mirror.

58. (Currently Amended) A beam irradiation apparatus comprising:
a laser oscillator for emitting an energy beam;
a specular body;
a shaft;
a control apparatus;
a stage; and
a lens between the specular body and the stage on the optical axis of the beam,
wherein the specular body is fixed to a shaft so as to be set on an optical axis of the energy beam, and

wherein the specular body fully rotates using the shaft as its center

wherein the rotation of the specular body is controlled by the control apparatus.

59. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58,

wherein the energy beam output continuously is emitted from the oscillator.

60. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58,

wherein the specular body has a plane surface or a curved surface.

61. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58,

wherein the shaft has a supporting bar in one end or in opposite ends thereof.

62. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58,

wherein the energy beam and the stage are relatively moved.

63. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58,

wherein the energy beam output continuously is a beam emitted from a laser selected from the group consisting of a YVO₄ laser, a YAG laser, a YLF laser, a YAIO₃ laser, and an Ar laser.

64. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58, further comprising:

an optical system for shaping the energy beam output continuously into linear,

wherein the optical system is provided between the oscillator and the specular body on the optical axis of the beam.

65. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58,

wherein the lens is selected from an $f\theta$ lens and a telecentric $f\theta$ lens.

66. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 58,

wherein the specular body is a galvanometer mirror.

67. (Currently Amended) A beam irradiation apparatus comprising:

a laser oscillator for emitting an energy beam;

a specular body;

a shaft;

a stage; and

wherein the energy beam and the stage are relatively moved,

wherein the specular body is fixed to a shaft so as to be set on an optical axis of the energy beam, and

wherein the specular body fully rotates using the shaft as its center.

68. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 67,

wherein the energy beam output continuously is emitted from the oscillator.

69. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 67,

wherein the specular body has a plane surface or a curved surface.

70. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 67,
wherein the shaft has a supporting bar in one end or in opposite ends thereof.

71. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 67,
wherein the energy beam output continuously is a beam emitted from a laser selected from the group consisting of a YVO₄ laser, a YAG laser, a YLF laser, a YAlO₃ laser, and an Ar laser.

72. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 67, further comprising:

an optical system for shaping the energy beam output continuously into linear,
wherein the optical system is provided between the oscillator and the specular body on the optical axis of the beam.

73. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 67,
wherein the lens is selected from an fθ lens and a telecentric fθ lens.

74. (Previously Presented) The beam irradiation apparatus according to claim 67,
wherein the specular body is a galvanometer mirror.